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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9029
INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN
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AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 5170

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS SHUM SF
SUBJ: DETENTION OF ENOCH DUMA

REF: STATE 233222

1. ENOCH DUMA WAS DETAINED EARLY MORNING OF SEPT. 26
AT HIS DOBSONVILLE HOME. HE IS BEING HELD UNDER
SECTION 6 OF THE TERRORISM ACT AND ATTEMPTS AT ACCESS
BY HIS FAMILY, SUNDAY TIMES LAWYERS AND BLACK SASH
OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN REFUSED.

2. EMBASSY LEARNED OF HIS DETENTION EARLY SEPT. 27. THE
SAME DAY, WE CONTACTED HIS FAMILY AND THE SUNDAY TIMES BUT
THEY HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION. DUMA, WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO
THE EMBASSY, HAD RECENTLY BEEN SUFFERING FROM A SLIPPED
DISC THAT MIGHT REQUIRE SURGERY. THEREFORE, PRIOR
TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL, ON SEPTEMBER 28 WE AUTHORIZED
THE CONGEN, JOHANNESBURG, TO CONTACT POLICE OFFICIALS
AND INQUIRE AS TO HIS WELFARE. THIS CONTACT WAS MADE
ON MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 29 WHEN MAJOR GENERAL COETZEE,
COMMANDER OF JOHN VORSTER SQUARE STATION, WAS CALLED
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BY CONGEN JOHNSON WHO EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN. GENERAL
COETZEE RESPONDED THAT SECURITY PRISONERS WERE NOT HIS
RESPONSIBILITY, THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON DUMA, AND
ASKED THAT WE CONTACT SECURITY POLICE IN PRETORIA
DIRECTLY.

3. THE AMBASSADOR WILL EXPRESS OUR CONCERN FOR DUMA'S

WELFARE TO BRAND FOURIE ON MORNING OF SEPT. 30 WE
WILL HOLD FOLLOW UP WITH SECURITY POLICE UNTIL WE HAVE
FOURIE'S RESPONSE. IN THE MEANTIME, IT IS LIKELY THAT
COETZEE HAS ADVISED THE SECURITY POLICE OF OUR INTEREST.
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